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MANY LOCAL FOLKS FETED AT JOHN DAY

Grant County Business
Men Give \$100 for
Derby at Rodeo.

EXPRESS GOOD WILL

Banquet Draws 61 People From
Morrow County; Entertain-
ment Enjoyed.

Knotting still tighter the bond of friendship between Heppner and John Day town, came the banquet Tuesday evening and gift of \$100 for a John Day derby to be run at the Rodeo, August 23. Sixty-one Heppner and Morrow county folks were included in the 160, surrounding the festive board at the Grant county city.

The occasion was an exchange of good will begun last year when Heppner staged a like event and presented the Grant County Fair board \$100 for a derby race at their fair.

Herman Oliver, leading cattle man and first John Day citizen, presided over the festivities. O. L. Dickens, president Grant County Fair, presented the crisp, new \$100 bill—gift of John Day business men—received by Henry Aiken, Rodeo president. Self-introduction of those present preceded the serving and orchestra music during the serving and while folks were eating added to the entertainment.

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54th ANNIVERSARY OF JUSTUS'S FETED

More Than 200 Oddfellows, Rebekahs and Friends Participate
In Enjoyable Picnic.

The fifty-fourth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Justus was occasion for an enjoyable picnic of Oddfellows, Rebekahs and friends of the family at the farm home on Hinton creek Sunday. Potluck dinner at noon followed by games and a general good time provided diversion for the some 200-odd people who attended.

For several years the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Justus has been honored by such an occasion until it has been established as a regular event in the annals of the fraternities in which both have worked faithfully for many years.

Included in the guest list were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Justus, Sadie M. Sigbee, Mrs. Earl Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kleinfeld, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Mack C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shively, Mrs. Irene Straight and Jean, Mrs. F. W. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Ayers, and nieces, Nellie and Willetta Padlock, Mrs. W. T. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rumble, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beymer, Wilma and Florence, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Devin, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Eph Eskelson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Howell, Norma and Irene McFerrin, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mays, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Belanger, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cox, Mrs. E. O. Hendrickson, and son, Alvin, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jones and Donald and Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wightman, Mrs. Earle Gilliam and Howard, Joan Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamer, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Hall, George Baker, Cornett Green, Fred Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morgan and Bobby Gammell, Walter Brissow, George N. Ely, Mrs. R. C. Phelps and daughter, Juanita, Bob Whittman, Mrs. Louis French, John D. Watkins, Roderick French, Joseph Lynn, Onza Melcon, Mr. and Mrs. George Bleakman, Miss Gretchen Chappell.

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Mrs. Lulu E. Prophet Dies Following Illness

Mrs. Lulu E. Prophet, wife of W. P. Prophet, for many years a resident of Hardman and Heppner, died at Morrow General hospital last Friday morning following a lingering illness. Funeral services were held from the Christian church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in charge of Case mortuary with Joel R. Benton officiating. Interment was in Masonic cemetery where the beautiful Rebekah commitment service was read by San Souci Lodge No. 33 of Heppner. The services were largely attended by friends and neighbors of the deceased.

Lulu E. Milton was born to John and Mary (Hildebrand) Milton in Missouri, December 15, 1869. She was married to William Prophet December 12, 1910, at Portland. They made their home at Hardman where Mr. Prophet conducted a general store for several years, moving to Heppner from there and making their home here intermittently since. To the union were born two children, Margaret and Shirley. The husband and children, Mrs. Kenneth Kistler of Wapato, Wash., and Mrs. Shirley Whitson of Heppner, survive, also a sister, Mrs. John Grimes of Yachats.

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By MRS. MARGARET BLAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Holman with their children accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Cochran and Bobby Cochran of Yakima arrived the last of the past week to visit relatives. On Sunday they took Mrs. Cochran to Lonerock to visit her sister, Mrs. Carrie Cason, for a month or so. The Holmans returned home Monday. Bobby Cochran will visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bergstrom, for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ward spent the week end at Spruce Spring in the mountains.

Miss Betty Jean Mankin is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Misher, at Thornton, Wn. Miss Helen Blake has returned from a five weeks' visit in the Willamette valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson of Heppner visited Mrs. Ida Peterson Sunday.

Jack Farris returned Friday from a fishing trip in the mountains. He was accompanied by Bill Lowe of Cecil.

Burton Peck of Lexington was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gulick who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blake departed for their home at Grants Pass Thursday.

Mrs. Gulick is a sister of Mrs. Blake. While she was here Mrs. J. H. Blake of Kinzua, another sister, came over for a visit with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hale and daughter are vacationing in the Willamette valley.

Word was received during the past week of the death of Tom Hinton at Westport on July 16. Mr. Hinton lived here for several years about ten years ago. He was a brother of Mrs. Maude Devin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendel Balsiger of Moro spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Balsiger.

Miss Mary K. Blake is visiting relatives at Kinzua.

Mrs. Elmo McMillan and Mrs. Garland Swanson went to Salem Saturday for a short visit. They were taken to Arlington by Miss Eva Swanson where they took the train.

Claire Young who is employed in Corvallis during the sessions of O. S. C. is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Young.

The Past Noble Grand club met at the home of Mrs. Cleo Drake last Friday afternoon. The regular business session was held.

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FOREST BESIEGED BY LIGHTNING FIRES

30 Starts Keep Men Hop-
ping; Damage Kept
to Small Areas.

MANY FLASHES SEEN

Lookouts Count 1140 and 670; Tree
Between House and Barn
Shattered at Bull Prairie.

By F. F. WEHMEYER.

July 23 a violent electric storm passed over the Heppner district at 1 a. m. It literally rained lightning and lasted for two hours. Lookouts manned their towers and tried to record the flashes. One lookout counted 1140 and another in the path of the storm counted 670; they estimated that about 25 per cent were vertical or strikes. Hundreds of trees were struck and shattered. One tree between the garage and the barn at Bull Prairie was reduced to fragments. By 5 a. m. fires began to show up.

All through the day the lookouts spotted fires and phoned in their readings to the central plating agent. At 3 p. m. another and equally violent storm passed over. Some parts of the districts got a heavy shower of rain which helped. Seventy-three hundredth was recorded at Wheeler Point, but the greater part of the district got only three hundredths.

The telephone rang continuously over the several lines running into Tupper Guard station. Here the calls were relayed to the plating agent who located the fires by triangulation and the information was passed on to the dispatcher who detailed the men to the various fires. Lookouts as far away as the Ochoco, Malheur and Whitman forests picked up the fires and phoned in their readings. Probably 100 locations were phoned in, covering the thirty or more fires discovered.

The fire assistant from the Pendleton office came to the district in the evening and called out two squads of CCC from the Bear Wallow camp to back up the somewhat weary organization. These men were in charge of experienced woodsmen and were men picked for their special training in fire suppression and detection work.

All day, the first night, the second day and on into the second night the guards shuttled from one fire to another, getting them under control and placing men for the mop up. The fire truck was kept busy hauling water and pumping it onto fires found.

When the smoke cleared away and a check could be made, it was found that 30 fires had been set on of tritery to the national forest. The state organization was also swamped with blazes here and there and men were moved about like pawns on a chess board.

While Lady Luck played a big hand in our favor, it was much to the credit of the organization that they moved like a well-oiled machine and that only one fire exceeded an acre in size, that growing to be almost an acre and a half.

Old Jubal Early, that grand old Confederate general, who when asked to what he attributed his success in military tactics, said, "I was the fastest with the most men," has laid down the basis of government tactics in fighting fire.

New Credit Agency Gives
Weekly Reporting Service

A new credit agency has been established in Heppner by F. B. Nickerson of Morrow County Abstract and Title Co., known as the Morrow County Credit bureau. Through this agency Mr. Nickerson provides a reporting service on all instruments of record filed at the county clerk's office. Bulletin number one of the service was issued this week.

The legal status of the holdings of any credit risk are a vital factor in establishing credit ratings, says Mr. Nickerson, adding that the service has been warmly welcomed by business firms of the county. The local agency has tie-ups with similar agencies operating outside the county and offers a nation-wide service on individual cases.

COURT TO VANCOUVER.

W. T. Campbell, judge, Frank S. Parker and George N. Peck, commissioners, were in Portland and Vancouver, Wash., last Friday and Saturday, and at Vancouver presented a petition at army headquarters to keep the soil conservation CCC camp open at Heppner. They were given no assurance that such action could be taken, as it depends entirely upon the availability of men. It was indicated, however, that as soon as the CCC is enlisted up to the proposed strength the local camp will be in operation.

RECEIVE LAMBS.

Tom Boylen, Jr., of Pine City was in the city Saturday receiving lambs for Culp & Co. One lot delivered by John Brosnan of Lena weighed in at 85 pounds and sold at \$5 each. The Brosnan stock was range fed cross-bred lambs.

Weanling pigs, shoats, work horse for sale. E. W. Moyer, city. 21-2

W. O. King of Boadman Dies at Local Hospital

W. O. King of Boadman who was brought to Heppner General hospital in the Phelps' ambulance the day before, passed away Tuesday evening. Cause of death was pronounced as splenomegaly. Mr. King had been a resident of Boadman for ten years where he farmed and for several years was athletic coach and manual training instructor in the Boadman school. He was a graduate of Oregon State college and while on the campus was a star basketball player. Funeral services are announced to be held in Boadman tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the community church.

Mr. King was born at Valley City, N. Dak., December 23, 1890, being aged 44 years, 7 months and 7 days. His parents were P. O. and Sophia (Rasmussen) King, natives of Norway and Denmark respectively. He was married June 18, 1918, at Gearhart, Ore. Surviving are the widow, Elvia W. King, four children, Francine, Ruth, Stanley and Bobby; the father, P. O. King of Eugene; brothers, Fred, Carl and Henry, and a half-sister, Mrs. H. C. Stenbol, all of North Dakota; brothers Eddie King of Eugene and Albert King of Portland; and sisters, Mrs. W. J. Seaver, Miss Annie King and Mrs. G. R. Martin, all of Eugene.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS.

While riding horseback Thursday Dickie Jones of Salem, who has been spending the summer with relatives here, was thrown from the horse and received a bad cut on the back of his head. He was taken to Heppner to a physician who dressed the wound and gave him tetanus anti-toxin. The accident occurred at the Merle Miller ranch.

Funeral services were held at Morgan Saturday afternoon for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Graves. Joel R. Benton officiated. The baby was born last Thursday and lived only a few hours.

While riding on top of a truck load of wood Monday afternoon Vester Lane was struck by a tree limb and knocked from the truck. He was quite badly bruised and shaken up. He and his father, R. H. Lane, were on their way home from the mountains with a load of wood and Mr. Lane did not discover that his son was missing from the truck until he had driven about five miles from the scene of the accident.

Someone hauled away thirty-five sacks of wheat from one of Orville Cutsforth's fields last Wednesday. The wheat which was taken was of a new variety and Mr. Cutsforth is the only farmer in this community who had any of this particular kind of wheat. Mr. Cutsforth is bulking most of his wheat but he engaged another machine to cut this field of grain in order to finish his harvesting sooner as the mice were destroying the wheat. The thieves have not yet been apprehended.

The Lexington Home Economics club will meet at the grange hall on Thursday afternoon, August 8, with Mrs. A. H. Nelson and Mrs. S. J. Devine as hostesses.

Mr. C. O. Burchell and daughter Hildie of Corvallis visited Lexington friends last week.

Dedication of the new Lexington grange hall will be held on Saturday afternoon, August 10, at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Joel R. Benton will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Phillips and daughter Jessalyn of Portland spent the week end at the R. H. Lane home.

Dwight Misher of Thornton, Wn., was a business visitor in this city one day last week.

John Carroll and Clarence Carrol, Michael spent the week end in Portland.

Pete Celoria, representing the Interstate Horse and Cow Market in Portland was a business visitor here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Duran and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munster visited in Walla Walla Sunday.

Miss Betty Ann Skyles of Portland has been engaged to teach in the fifth and sixth grades in the local school this year.

Fred Matlock of The Dalles visited relatives here one day this week. On his return home he was accompanied by his daughters, Juanita and Lula, who spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wright.

Miss Delpha Merritt returned Friday from a visit with relatives in Arlington.

Ed Clark of Heppner was a business visitor here Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jess Beardsley of The Dalles spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Kathryn Slocum.

DEGREE JUVENILES PARTY.

The Degree of Honor juveniles enjoyed a party last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Izora Vance, with Mrs. Clinton Rohrer, Mrs. F. F. Wehmyer and Mrs. Earl Massey assisting. Games and refreshments comprised the entertainment. Those attending were Winifred, Carolyn and Pauline Rasmussen, Alberta, Evelyn and Ray McPherrin, Eugene and Neddie Massey, Margaret and Richard Rhodes, Leola Dishaw, Frankie V. Gentry, Bobby Hake, Darlene Moore, Lois Mae and Burdine Vance.

LIONS AID RODEO DRESS-UP, FLOAT

Committees Named to Boost Fast-
Rolling Special; Josephine Ma-
honey Tells of Hawaii Visit.

Added momentum was given the already fast-moving Rodeo special by action of the Lions club at its Monday noon luncheon, when sponsorship of dress-up and entrance of a float in the Saturday parade of the old west were undertaken. Josephine Mahoney gave a resume of her recent vacation trip to the Hawaiian islands as the main program feature, and Earl Eskelson was presented a key-member emblem by J. O. Turner in recognition of his having brought two new members into the club. Interest in Tuesday's John Day junket was aroused by Henry Aiken, Rodeo president.

The committee to work on Rodeo dress-up was announced as Dr. R. C. Lawrence, John Turner and Ed Dick. Dr. L. E. Tibbles, John Anglin and Ralph Jones were placed on the float committee.

Citing Hawaii as a land without dust, with abundant verdure, a profusion of glorious blossoms—a veritable paradise—Mrs. Mahoney said a striking contrast was witnessed as she looked into the crater of Halemaunau on the island of Hawaii. Here great cracks in the lava from which steam escaped gave her the impression of being at the gates of Hades. Her trip included crossing the Pacific on the SS Malolo going, and on the SS Lurline returning, a trip around the island of Oahu by boat, and an airplane journey from Honolulu to the island of Hawaii, on which the leper island of Molokai and several other of the group of Sandwich islands were crossed.

She exhibited pictures of many interesting sights on the islands, besides describing many experiences in detail. One observation made was that the original race of Hawaiians is rapidly disappearing and may soon become a lost race, having been absorbed mostly by the Chinese and whites. She told of being thrilled by the music and general beauty of the islands, and on leaving of the tears brought by the sad "Alohas."

RUMOR OF CLOSING
CAMPS HELD FALSE

Soil Conservation Director Says CCC
Work Will be on by October 1;
New Trucks Arrive.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service, Pullman, Wash., July 29.—Rumors now floating through the Northwest that the completed and partly completed CCC erosion camps are to be abandoned are false, according to a statement made today by W. A. Rockie, regional director of the Pullman Project of the Soil Conservation Service. Rockie denied that the CCC projects of the Soil Conservation Service were being given up, explaining that, because of possible conflicts in getting harvest crews, enrollment will be withheld until after this important season of farm work.

Rockie's statement in full follows: "The enrollment of men for work in the CCC camps has been temporarily halted until the harvest crews are fully manned. Enrollment for the camps will later be gradually resumed, and it has been reliably stated that all of the camps assigned to the Soil Conservation Service will be occupied by full companies around October 1."

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Pullman, Wash., July 29.—CCC camps of the Soil Conservation Service will be (Continued on Page Eight.)

Bull Wheel of Combine
Runs Over Worker's Legs

Clarence Whalen was brought to Heppner hospital this morning by Phelps' ambulance with a badly mangled leg received when he was caught under the bull wheel of a combine at the Oral Scott ranch in Blackhorse. The massive wheel crossed both legs, but one leg was saved by the soft dirt. The other leg was badly mangled above the knee and bones were broken both above and below the knee.

Whalen was working under the combine when the team became frightened and pulled the machine over him.

HARRY MURCHIE DEATH AT
Boardman Investigated

Harry Murchie of Boardman died suddenly this morning, according to a telephone report which requested investigation by Dr. A. D. McMurdo, corner.

Dr. McMurdo was on an emergency call to Hardman when the report came, and details were lacking at time of going to press.

INFANT DAUGHTER DIES.

Marilyn June, 26-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Borman, died yesterday in Heppner. She was born July 5. Commitment services are being held at the grave side in Heppner cemetery today at 2 o'clock.

FINANCIAL STATUS OF SCHOOLS BETTER

Warrant and Bonded In-
debtedness Cut, Audit-
or's Report Shows.

HEPPNER COST LOW

Average Per Pupil Cost in Local
High School Under Other
Districts in County.

That the financial status of education in Morrow county improved greatly last year is shown by the report of C. R. Ham, auditor, completed this week. Mr. Ham's report to Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, covers the 42 districts of the county whose books he audited and gives consolidated statements for the schools as a whole.

"These statements reveal a very fine improvement in the financial condition of the school districts at present over a year ago," the report states. "During the year 1934-35, taxes realized by the districts amounted to \$18,000 more than for the year 1933-34. This apparently resulted very largely from the collection of delinquent taxes, for the rate of tax delinquencies for all districts combined has decreased about 3 per cent to the present average of 26.7 per cent of the past four levies (including the half-year's levy collectible last spring)."

Moreover, during the year 1934-35, outstanding warrants were reduced \$41,657.73 to the present amount of \$60,029.84. At the same time, the total bonded indebtedness was reduced \$27,000 to the present \$155,400 outstanding.

"Also on account of the improvement in tax collections, \$16,865.17 more was distributed to the districts from the County School Fund than during the year 1933-34. Actual expenses of school operations increased about \$9,000 over the previous year to \$111,512.72, after eliminating the debt service items and inter-district transactions.

"The districts received the balance of their deposits in the closed Farmers and Stockgrowers' National Bank, which amounted to \$41,110.04 during the school year. The total of the school deposits still held by the closed First National Bank of Heppner amounts to \$7,518.75, individual claims for which are the same as reported in 1934."

A note at the bottom of the exhibit on warrant and bonded indebtedness, says